

REMARKS


In the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 14, 2004, the Examiner restricted claims 1-22 to three groups. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-9 to a first group (Group I), claims 10-12 to a second group (Group II), and claims 15-22 to a third group (Group III). However, during a teleconference between Examiner Leung and Applicants' representative Manish Vyas on January 7, 2005, it was concluded that Groups I and III (i.e., claims 1-9 and 13-22) were proper for prosecution in a single application. Based on this conclusion, Applicants orally elected to prosecute claims 1-9 and 13-22 in the present application. By this paper, Applicants memorialize this oral election to prosecute claim 1-9 and 13-22 in the present application. Additionally, by this paper, Applicants have cancelled claims 10-12 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-9 and 13-22 will remain pending in the present patent application. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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